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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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The specification is objected to for the following informalities:

Applicant is reminded to update the continuing data in the first paragraph of the specification. See 37 CFR 1.78 and MPEP § 201.11.

Appropriate correction is required.

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being

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unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,869,232.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the patent's specificity exchanger encompasses the instantly claimed specificity exchanger. One, having the claimed concept of a specificity exchanger, would modify the specificity domain to effect specific antibody responses to bacterial pathogens. This would be an obvious variant of the patented specificity exchanger.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,040,137. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the patent's ~~specificity exchanger~~ encompasses the ~~instantly claimed~~ specificity exchanger. One, having the claimed concept of a specificity exchanger, would modify the specificity domain to effect specific antibody responses to bacterial pathogens. This would be an obvious variant of the patented specificity exchanger.

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Claims 1-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,469,143. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the patent's specificity exchanger encompasses the instantly claimed specificity exchanger. One, having the claimed concept of a specificity exchanger, would modify the specificity domain to effect specific antibody responses to bacterial pathogens. This would be an obvious variant of the patented specificity exchanger.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,660,842. ~~Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not~~ patentably distinct from each other because the patent's specificity exchanger encompasses the instantly claimed specificity exchanger. One, having the claimed concept of a specificity exchanger, would modify the specificity domain to effect specific antibody responses to bacterial pathogens. This would be an obvious variant of the patented specificity exchanger.

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Claims 1-21 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of copending Application No. 09/664945. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the patent's specificity exchanger encompasses the instantly claimed specificity exchanger. One, having the claimed concept of a specificity exchanger, would modify the specificity domain to effect specific antibody responses to bacterial pathogens. This would be an obvious variant of the patented specificity exchanger.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

No relevant prior art appears to be in the extensive IDS submissions.

No claims are allowed.

Papers related this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 via the PTO Fax Center. The faxing of such papers must

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conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG (November 15, 1989).

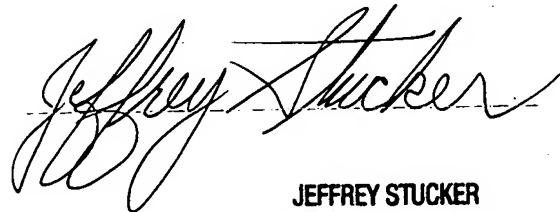
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Tech Center representative whose telephone number is (571)-272-1600.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey Stucker whose telephone number is (571)-272-0911. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Thursday from 7:00am-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel, can be reached on (571)-272-0902.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey Stucker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

JEFFREY STUCKER
PRIMARY EXAMINER